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Navy commits to improved effort on the Red Hill AOC

The Navy Region Hawaii Red Hill Program Director received a letter from the EPA and State Department of Health on June 7 with critical comments on the Navy's most recent Administrative Order on Consent (AOC), Statement of Work (SOW) Sections 6 and 7 interim work products.

"The EPA and the Department of Health as regulators are fulfilling their role by providing oversight on the work we submitted as the regulated," said Rear Adm. John Fuller, Commander Navy Region Hawaii. "Their letter illustrates the AOC's value; the process holds us to the highest standards and it's transparent. Regulators assess and verify our progress, and provide appropriate guidance."

"The Navy welcomes the AOC process and is actively meeting all of its other AOC obligations. I understand the intent of this letter from the regulators and we will increase our efforts and apply necessary corrections to meet the stringent requirements for Sections 6 and 7. Most importantly, I want to assure you that we continue to fully support the AOC and that the water is safe to drink," Fuller added.